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1. A decree, dated 7 April 1955, which demanded that [redacted] ps for the defense of installations be established [redacted] seigene Betriebe), was made known to the BGL of the Union [redacted] lishing house) of the East CDU in East Berlin during an indoctrination course. These combat groups are organized like SED combat groups.
2. The decree provided that all workers between 23 and 45 years of age are to participate in exercises organized by the Betriebs-Sportgemeinschaft (sporting group of the publishing house) regardless of party affiliation. The decree stated that [redacted] employees up to 60 years of age could also join these exercises [redacted] voluntary basis.
3. The exercises which are held after duty hours and on Sundays include field marches, carbine and pistol training, and political indoctrination. The firing exercises of Union Verlag combat group are held on firing ranges of the Reichsbahn repair shop on Revaler-Strasse in East Berlin. The combat group was supplied with 15 carbines and 5 pistols, and 7 rounds of [redacted] is to receive uniforms and have young KVP officials [redacted]

Co: [REDACTED] Soviet Zone regime serves to provide additional security to the regime and further to militarize East Germany. Missions which had previously been assigned only to reliable SED members are now also assigned to members of bourgeois parties. These measures [REDACTED] based on decisions by the SED Central Committee on the organization [REDACTED] training of combat groups in enterprises in East Germany which had [REDACTED] made on 22 February 1955.

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1. A decree, dated 7. April 1955, which demanded that combat groups for the defense of installations be established in VEBs (Volkseigene Betriebe), was made known to the BGR of the Union Verlag (publishing house) of the East CDU in East Berlin during an indoctrination course. These combat groups are organized like this:
2. The decree provided that all workers between 23 and 45 years of age are to participate in exercises organized by the Betriebssportgemeinschaft (sporting group of the publishing house) regardless of party affiliation. The decree stated that older employees up to 60 years of age can also join these exercises on a voluntary basis.
3. The exercises which are held after duty hours and on Sundays include field marches, carbine and pistol training, and political indoctrination. The firing exercises of Union Verlag combat group are held on firing ranges of the Reichsbahn repair shop on Invalidenstrasse in East Berlin. The combat group was supplied with 13 carbines and 13 pistols and 10 rounds of ammunition per person. It is to receive uniforms and have young KVP officers as instructors.

Comment. This measure by the Soviet Zone regime serves to provide additional security to the regime and further to militate East German Missions which had previously been assigned only to reliable members are now also assigned to members of bourgeois parties. These measures are based on decisions by the SED Central Committee on the organization and training of combat groups in enterprises in East Germany which had been made on 22 February 1955.

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